



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Intent to Award 54 Single-Source Supplements for Current Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

State Grantee

ACTION: Notice of single-source supplements.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announces the intent to award 54 administrative supplements in the form of cooperative agreements to existing SMP project grantees to further support SMP activities in each state, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The purpose of existing grantees' work is to empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education with an emphasis on reaching Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and those residing in rural areas. The administrative supplements for FY 2021 will be distributed via formula to the existing 54 SMP state grantees, bringing the total for the supplement awards to \$2,002,468. These current SMP grantees will use this funding to further enhance or expand existing and prior established plans to empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education. This additional funding will be targeted to reach Medicare beneficiaries with limited income, and/or those residing in rural areas.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Name: Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

Recipient: 54 current SMP grantees

Current Grantee	State	FY21 ACL Recommended Supplement Amount
Alabama Dept of Senior Services	Alabama	\$41,488
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services	Alaska	\$4,408
Arizona Department of Economic Security	Arizona	\$32,105
Arkansas Department of Human Services	Arkansas	\$36,963
California Health Advocates	California	\$170,823
Colorado Division of Insurance	Colorado	\$22,047
The Department of Rehabilitation Services	Connecticut	\$16,044
Delaware Division of Social Services	Delaware	\$4,199
Legal Counsel For The Elderly	District of Columbia	\$2,658
Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Florida	\$116,372
Eqhealth Solutions, Inc.	Georgia	\$59,236
Guam Department of Public Health & Social Services	Guam	\$1,318
Hawaii Department of Health	Hawaii	\$10,665
Idaho Commission on Aging	Idaho	\$12,481
AgeOptions, Inc.	Illinois	\$65,894
IAAAA Education Institute, Inc	Indiana	\$45,349
Iowa Department of Commerce	Iowa	\$26,115
Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services	Kansas	\$18,494
Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government	Kentucky	\$46,755
Eqhealth Solutions, Inc.	Louisiana	\$34,011
Maine Department of Health and Human Services	Maine	\$13,962
Aging, Maryland department of	Maryland	\$21,364
Elder Services Of The Merrimack Valley Inc	Massachusetts	\$32,656
MMAP Inc	Michigan	\$63,145
Minnesota Department of Human Services	Minnesota	\$33,924
Eqhealth Solutions, Inc.	Mississippi	\$34,405
District III Area Agency on Aging	Missouri	\$45,870
Missoula Aging Services	Montana	\$12,067
Insurance, Nebraska Department of	Nebraska	\$13,080
State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division	Nevada	\$14,798
New Hampshire Dept of Health and Human Services	New Hampshire	\$10,893
Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County, Inc	New Jersey	\$34,929
Aging & Long-Term Services Department, New Mexico	New Mexico	\$16,806
NY Statewide Senior Action Council, Inc	New York	\$122,593
North Carolina Department of Insurance	North Carolina	\$78,824
Minot State University	North Dakota	\$5,558
Pro Seniors Inc	Ohio	\$76,984
Oklahoma State Insurance Department	Oklahoma	\$29,996
DHS Office of Financial Services	Oregon	\$23,257

Center For Advocacy For The Rights And Interests Of The Elderly	Pennsylvania	\$80,868
Hispanic-American Institute, Inc.	Puerto Rico	\$69,909
Rhode Island Dept of Elderly Affairs	Rhode Island	\$5,334
South Carolina Department on Aging	South Carolina	\$38,362
South Dakota Department of Human Services	South Dakota	\$7,419
Upper Cumberland Development District	Tennessee	\$54,777
Better Business Bureau Educational Foundation	Texas	\$134,139
Legal Services of Virgin Islands Inc	US Virgin Islands	\$1,980
Human Services, Utah Department of	Utah	\$10,035
Community of Vermont Elders	Vermont	\$7,973
Virginia Association Of Area Agencies On Aging	Virginia	\$45,083
Washington State Insurance Commissioner	Washington	\$30,651
Senior Services West Virginia Bureau	West Virginia	\$20,356
Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc	Wisconsin	\$37,286
Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc	Wyoming	\$5,760

Period of Performance: The award will be issued for the Fiscal Year 2021 project period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

Total Award Amount: \$2,002,468 total in FY 2021

Award Type: Cooperative Agreement

Statutory Authority: The statutory authority is contained in the HIPAA of 1996 (PL 104-191).

BASIS FOR AWARD: With the final FY 2021 appropriation, Congress established the new baseline for the SMP program, setting the minimum ACL will receive to support this program to \$20 million annually. This is an increase of \$2 million over the amount ACL received for SMP historically. The additional funding is intended to expand and enhance current SMP activities with the purpose of reaching more Medicare beneficiaries. As such, OHIC is proposing to distribute the additional funding to the existing SMP state grantees to establish new baseline funding amounts for each of the state projects.

The current SMP state grantees are funded to carry out the SMP Project mission for the period of June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2023. Much work has already been completed and further tasks are currently being accomplished. It would be unnecessarily time consuming and disruptive to the SMP program, and the beneficiaries being served, for ACL to establish new grantees at this time. The current grantees are providing critical services in an efficient and successful manner.

These administrative supplements will allow the SMP state grantees to expand their current work in empowering Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education with a particular emphasis on reaching Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and those residing in rural areas. The existing SMP state grantees are uniquely placed to continue and expand this work. Since 2018, and for years before for many repeat grantees, current grantees have been the proven state and community presence for preventing, detecting, and reporting Medicare fraud. There is one SMP state grantee project in each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2019, the most up-to-date complete year of data, the 54 SMP projects had a total of 6,875 active team members who conducted a total of 28,146 group outreach and education events, reaching an estimated 1.6 million people. In addition, the projects had 320,590 individual interactions with, or on behalf of, a Medicare beneficiary. For 2019, the SMP projects reported \$2.4 million in expected Medicare recoveries. This program has successfully operated since its inception 23 years ago. Current grantees are closely monitored and are successfully meeting all programmatic goals under the current SMP grant.

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